



COQUITLAM RIVER
LIONS CLUB

The River

October 2023



Holiday Poinsettia Fundrai

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Thank you for your support!



October has been an incredibly busy and exciting month for our club. The MD19 Convention in Surrey was a major highlight. Check inside for some super photos, and reports of all our activities, plus more to come! It's great to be a Coquitlam River Lion!

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- Convention recap
- Cookbooks are here
- Poinsettia Early Bird Draw
- We have a new member!

Monthly Newsletter of the Coquitlam River Lions Club
Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada
Zone O-3, Multiple District 19

District Governor: Joel Haggen
Home Club: Bellingham Fairhaven Lions
Zone Chair: Robin Woolmer
Home Club: Surrey Central Lions

Newsletter Editor: September Stokes



Get your "spooky" on, and join us for a super-fun filled evening of bowling, costumes, games, raffles, and more!

Your ticket includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, and snacks.

Come as you are, or dress up for Halloween! Prizes for best costumes, so have fun.

Halloween Fun & Games
Saturday, October 21
9:00pm-Midnight

Poco Bow
2263 McAllister Avenue
Port Coquitlam
Tickets: \$25.00 ea

MD19 Annual Convention: Successful weekend!



Back, L-R: **Sarah, Patti, Lynne, Dawn, Rosemary, Gerry, Ryan and Richard**
Front, L-R: **September, Rosalie and Sharon**

Multiple District 19

We were so excited to have **eleven members** of the Coquitlam River Lions Club participate in the MD19 Fall Convention in Surrey on October 13-14th. We rented a table to promote our calendars, cookbooks, poinsettias and Fun Bowl. We enjoyed fun and fellowship, and it was so special to see all our Lions friends, old and new.

We're still a new club, but many of our members are longtime Lions, and we are working hard to develop our plan to do great things for our community and support Lions causes. It's a wonderful time to be a Coquitlam River Lion!



Dawn was a winner of one of the lunchtime scratch & win raffle prizes!



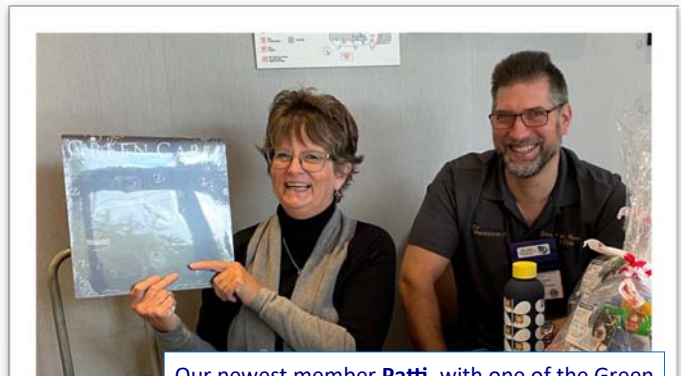
PID Allan and MD19 Exec. Director **Peter** presented **September** with her Secretary Excellence Award



Rosalie with the Green Capes calendar



Terry and Sharon at the Saturday evening banquet



Our newest member **Patti**, with one of the Green Capes Calendars for sale, is joined by **Ryan**

Coquitlam River Lions are cooking!

Our club is so thrilled to launch our first ever **Coquitlam River Lions Cookbook**, and we hope you will enjoy the recipes as much as we enjoyed putting them together.

Sharon and Lynne spent many hours compiling all the submitted recipes from our club members, and we think you'll love it. All proceeds from this project go to support the SHARE Food Bank in Coquitlam. Since hunger is one of the Global Lions causes, we couldn't think of a better fit.

Each book is \$25.00, and can be paid in cash or by e-transfer to our new exclusive email address:

riverlionsfundraising@gmail.com

Just put your name in the notes, what it's for, and how many books you want, and we'll make sure to get them to you.

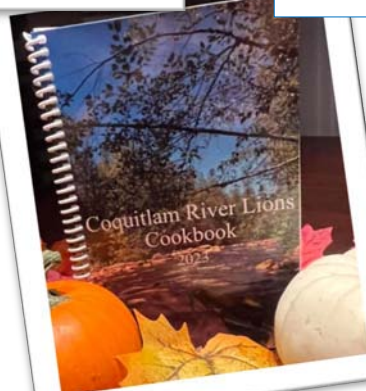
We are going to sell out of the cookbooks soon, so if you haven't gotten yours yet, don't wait.



Cookbook editor **Sharon** signs a book for a happy customer



Sharon and Lynne, the cookbook editing team. Well done



Sarah got her cookbook



Back, L-R: **Kim, Sharon, Lynne, Ryan and Richard**
Front, L-R: **Rosalie, Sarah and September**

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On **October 2nd**, we had eight members head over to Burnaby to help sort donated eyeglasses at the Eye Lab of Third World Eye Care Society. It was "eye-opening" to the amazing work that TWECSC does for people in developing countries with their vision needs. We all really enjoyed it, and we plan to do this on a regular basis. If you want more information, [click here](#) to go to their website.



Richard made quick work of sorting through this box of eyeglasses



Sharon checks for single or progressive lenses for each pair of glasses

November 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 Club Meeting 7:00pm	2 Visitation: Pitt Meadows	3	4
5	6 Third World Eye Care	7	8 Board Mtg 7:00pm	9	10	11  WE REMEMBER
12 Poinsettia order deadline	13	14	15 Club Meeting 7:00pm	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

ANNOUNCEMENT: Due to lower than expected ticket sales, we are postponing our Fun Bowl. The event was set for October 28th. We may look at trying again in the spring. In the meantime, if you prepaid for your tickets, you should have received your refund by e-transfer now. If you have not, please reach out to us right away, at coquitlamriverlions@gmail.com

New Member Alert!

A big warm Coquitlam River Lions welcome to our brand new member, **Patti Byth**. Sponsored by **Sarah**, she has already worked on projects, and attended her first Lions Convention. Welcome!



Visitation of the Month: SURREY CENTRAL!

On October 16th, we enjoyed fun and fellowship, and a grocery bag raffle, with the Surrey Central Lions Club. **September, Rosalie, Richard, Sharon and Terry** joined Barry and Linda for a photo op.

Here's what you missed, from the Board:

- At our November 15th meeting, we will be welcoming our **District Governor Joel Haggen** for his Official Visit. All members are urged to attend. We'll also be inducting our new members, so it's going to be a special night.
- Have you checked us out on Social Media lately? **Sarah** has been doing a wonderful job with lots of posts about our current projects on our Facebook page. Please share these posts; don't keep us a secret!
- We have established a **Visitation of the Month** initiative. Each month we will pick a new club and go visit them at their meetings. This is a fundamental part of Lions, especially the "fun" part. Each month's visit will be on the calendar in this newsletter, so check it out and plan to be there!
- Do you want to receive the minutes and agenda to the Board of Directors meetings, as well as our Club Meetings? You probably know that ALL club members are always welcome to attend Board meetings. However, most Lions only attend the Board meetings if they are on the Board. So, we are asking, do you as a club member wish to receive the board meeting minutes, or are you just fine with the regular club meeting information? Send me an email with your thoughts, to coquitlamriverlions@gmail.com.
- **Kim and September** will be working to establish a criteria for the various awards available to club members, as part of the new **Awards Committee**. Stay tuned for more about that.



PRIZE ALERT! PRIZE ALERT! Order your Holiday Poinsettias now. Everyone who places an order by **Sunday, November 12th** will receive an entry into a draw to win a FREE poinsettia! Expected delivery will be first week of December.



Project Checklist

October:

MD19 Convention ✓

~~Halloween Fun Bowl~~

Cookbook Launch ✓



November:

Remembrance Day Wreath

Christmas Poinsettia Sales

Cookbook Sales

December:

Gift wrapping with Surrey Central

Aunt Leah's Xmas Tree Sales

Christmas Party

January:

Back in action in 2024/Planning

February:

Burger and Brew

March:

Spring Conference

Easter Project

Charter Celebration

April:

Annual Spring Hanging Basket Sales

May:

Mothers Day activity

LFC Dog Walk

June:

Fathers Day event @ Eagle Quest

Installation and Awards Night

Do you have an idea for a club project, service activity or fundraiser? Let us know, new ideas are always welcome!

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6 inch fancy: \$15.00



6 inch foil: \$10.00



14 inch large: \$35.00



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Membership Roster: 22 strong

Board of Directors:

Rosalie Kunic	rosaliekunic@shaw.ca	(President)
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Don't forget your spare change for our club meetings!
We have all sorts of fun things:

Tailtwister Activities

Joker Jackpot 50/50 draw

Fun raffles

Also, if you have empty returnable bottles, and don't want to make the trip to the Bottle Depot yourself, bring them to a meeting! We have a few members who go there often, and since all the money is going to the club, they can take it for you. How easy is that? All funds go to support our club.



Did you know?

SOOKE HARBOURSIDE LIONS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

The Sooke Harbourside Lions will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary on **Sunday, December 3, 2023** starting with Happy Hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m., at the Sooke Community Hall in Sooke, British Columbia. Event cost is \$40⁰⁰. International President [Dr. Patti Hill](#), will be the guest speaker!



[Click here to get your tickets!](#)

Semi-formal attire. Fun and fellowship guaranteed.

Coquitlam River Lions Club

Chartered March 2022

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00pm
River Springs Recreation Centre
1950 Lodge Drive, Coquitlam, BC
www.coquitlamriverlions.club
Email: coquitlamriverlions@gmail.com

